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METRO PICTURES
Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne in The Brass Check, at the Olympic today.

MAN GETS FREE TRANSPORTATION, LODGING AND MEALS THEN REFUSES TO WORK

In police court this morning Burgess Stewart deposed of the following cases:

John Glenn, supposed to hail from New Jersey, was detained by officials of the P. & L. E. R. R. Co., Bert Gregory being the prosecutor. It was stated that this man had hired in Pittsburgh to work in railroad camps up river, and after having free transportation, a night or two's lodging and several square meals, had "beat it" and was freighting it back to Pittsburgh, refusing to work.

This, it was stated. is practiced by many others. Glen was taken off a freight car in the Monesen yards. He was fined $3.00 and costs or five days on the streets. Having no funds, he was turned over to Watson Johns.

John George, known as "Bogie," of Delaware street, and John Peterson, known as "Skitz" of 130 East Schoonmaker avenue, were charged with disorderly conduct by P. & L. E Officers Mosier and Gregory. The boys were picked up near the brewerty having been detected riding freights. The boys put up a hard fight but were soon subdued and hand cuffed.

Burgess Stewart informed the prisoners of the gravity of their offenses, violating an Act of Assembly, regulating trespassing on public properties and resisting officers. Each was fined $10.00 and costs, the cases to be disposed of later if fines are not paid.

William Rutager of East Schoonmaker avenue, a lad of about fifteen years, was heard on disorderly conduct charges made by Sam Kvasik of the Firestone Distillery, having been detected working at a pump unscrewing pipes, which he claimed he sold to junk dealers. The boy was discharged by the Burgess with a plain, fatherly warning and the boy promised to discontinue that sort of work.

John Repa, John Rega and Wassel Moquis were given a hearing at 7 o'clock last evening on a disorderly charge, the case having been postponed from the morning session. Repa was fined $25.00 and costs, Rega and Moquis each $5.00 and costs.

Peter Somanly and Tom Super, laborers arrested for disorderly conduct last night, each forfeited $10.00 by not appearing for their hearings.

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

A reception was held Monday evening for new members of the U. B. church, by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Baughman and daughter. Miss Edna. The evening was spent in games and music, after which a lunch was served Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. Stapelton and two children, Martha and Preston. Mr. and Mrs. W. Calloway and daughter, Wilhemina, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wheatley and son, Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Harclerode and two daughters, Eva and Arvadia, Mr. and Mrs. S. Baughman and daughter, Maud, Mr. and Mrs. C. Worthing, Mrs. Moffit. Eva Moffit. Mr. and Mrs. West, Mrs. Grace Grant and son Clarence, Mrs. Streets, Edna Streets, Gladys Shuster, Mildred Steiner, Carrie Steiner, E Stapelton, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Shrader, Mrs. Keifer, Mrs. Daniel Reamer.

Red Cross Drive

The Red Cross will on May 20 to 27 hold a drive for a one hundred million dollar war fund and the local chapter is expected to contribute $40,000. H. Dallas McCabe, chairman of the local chapter, was in Philadelphia, Saturday for a conference with the head officers of the organization in regard to the drive and other Red Cross matters.

STAR THEATRE

THURSDAY—Carmel Meyers in "The Wife He Bought." A Bluebird feature play.

Vaudeville Thursday and Friday Performances 2:30, 7:45 and 9:40, Admission, matinee 5c and 10c. Evening 10c and 20c.

FRIDAY—Dorothy Dalton and Charles Ray in "Back of the Man." A Thos. H. Ince production.

Local Police Buy Bonds

Monessen's police department is never behind when it comes to anything patriotic or anything that savors of being for the advancement of a good and laudable cause.

More particularly are the local "boys in blue" our city's protectors, right there with the goods when it comes to helping the American government win the war over against Germany. They went "over the top" with 100 per cent. in their help with the Third Liberty Loan, each man on the force obligating himself for his individual share to help the Sammies in their over-sea struggle for universal peace and independence.

Twelve Stars In Service Flag

In the dedication of the service flag Sunday evening at the United Brethren church, a splendid program was rendered, with a most fitting address by Daniel Reamer. The meeting was conducted by Miss Bertha Kraft, president of the Young People's society. The flag contained twelve stars, representing the following boys now on the battle front in France or in American camps: Donald Reamer, Carl E. Beckman, Verner Beckman, David Kibler, John W. Wilson, Donald Saylor, Chester Harclerode, Lee Teeters, Frank Wild, Frank Crowe, Frank Palfston.

BIJOU THEATRE

TODAY— "Dock," a powerful western drama. Also Fatty Arbuckle in a great comedy in two reels.

SATURDAY—"Beating Back," in 6 reels, featuring Al Jennings. Also a one reel comedy.

REV. GRAHAM CHOSEN FOR CAMP WORK

Rev. D. R. Graham, pastor of the M. E. church, has been chosen by the U. S. government to do Y. M. C. A. work in army camps during a period of four or five months and in view thereof the church has agreed to release Rev. Graham for the time required, allowing him full salary until his return.

Rev. Graham was in Pittsburgh Saturday and Monday in conference with the Overseas committee, and arrangements were formulated for his leaving Monessen about July 1st and he will in all possibility be placed with a cantonment within the borders of the United States.

This movement comes about by an appeal made by the Y. M. C. A. management to churches that felt themselves able to spare their pastors a few months to aid in the work among the soldiers, and the Monessen church was among the first to respond.

MANY WITNESS PATRIOTIC FILM

The big patriotic picture "Lest We Forget," filled the Star theatre to its capacity all day yesterday and last night, and the number proved among the most interesting and highly appreciated of any witnessed along the motion picture line, seen in Monessen in a long time. The star, Rita Jolivet, a survivor of the lost Lusitania, showed high talent and displayed wonderful bravery in such a trying hour.

This picture was shown under the auspices of the American National Defense Society, with Mrs. J. J. Cushing, local chairman, who along with her co-workers are highly elated over the wonderful success which attended the presentation of "Lest We Forget."

The Pancook & Wahlstrom orchestra furnished most pleasing and appropriate music, which everyone greatly appreciated.

Watson Johns sang "The Star Spangled Banner," at the end of the picture and received much applause.

Monessen folk surely did show true patriotism, as "Mack" says the whole town seemed turned loose, and for a time he was scared. and could not conceive where to put them all, as standing room was at a premium. The last performance ran until 12 o'clock.

Manager McShaffrey has decided to arrange a return date of this picture, as many people were not able to get in to witness last night's performance.

SENATOR SPROUL RECEIVES ROYAL WELCOME DURING HIS VISIT IN MONESSEN

Yesterday afternoon County Chairman William C. Rial, W. P Dom, Senator J. M. Jamison and Hon. William C. Sproul, candidate for governor, arrived in town. They were met by a committee and escorted to the offices of the various mills of the town where the candidate was welcomely received. Senator Sproul during his brief stay here of two hours, met many people and he was well pleased with his visit as the people who met him were pleased with him.

In the examination of the merits of candidates, his many qualifications place him in the front rank. He is not running for office because he has stored away a heap of political disappointments and wants to get into office to abuse and even up with a whole faction. Senator Sproul is above factional statesmanship. If elected, he will look to the welfare of the people of the whole state, he will be a governor the state can be proud of in any capacity it may offer him for service.

We want a governor of all the people of Pennsylvania; a governor of the farmer, as well as the miner; a governor of the worker in the factory, as well as the employer; a governor of trainmen, as well as the railroad official or stockholder; a governor of the clerk, as well as the merchant; a governor of each and every industry, and of each and every person engaged in that industry.

Such a governor would be William C. Sproul. A man qualified by every standard to be the chief magistrate of Pennsylvania, to perform impartially the duties of that high office.

There can be no question as to the fitness or ability or patriotism of Senator Sproul. He is, first of all, a successful business man—a man of affairs of highest rank. His experience in banking, in manufacturing, in shipbuilding, in farming, in newspaperdom, in merchandising, in construction and various other lines of industry has given him a practical knowledge that will be invaluable to him as chief executive of the state.

But his fitness does not by any means end with his business qualifications. For twenty-two year he has been in the State Legislature, and has long been a leader in the upper house of that body, over which he has presided for two terms, and is now its oldest member in years of service. He has had that law-making experience so essential and invaluable in guiding the gubernatorial approval or disapproval of legislation and the execution of laws when enacted. He has worked and spoken and voted all these years for the best interests of Pennsylvania. The most important laws on our statute books have been framed and enacted with his help and many a beneficient act bears his name.

Miss Louise Frazier who will sing at the Christian church. Thursday evening. May 23rd. benefit Ladies Aid.

Con. Watts Ill

—Constable F. L. Watts is seriously ill at the home of George W. Graul, Second and Schoonmaker, where he roomed, and death is expected at any time. Last night Mrs. Watts of Gary, Ind., was summoned to her husband's bedside by telegraph.

Olympic Theatre

TODAY—Metro presents the monarch of the screen Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "The Brass Check," a six part wonderplay, full of mystery. Also a Keystone comedy.

THURSDAY—The play of the hour, "War Brides," featuring the famous international star, Nazimova, a picture for all to see, showing the terrible German atrocities upon the defenseless women and children of downtrodden Belgium.

FRIDAY—Look and listen—Something extraordinary, something new in the way of photographs. Also a screaming Alice Howell comedy. Also "The Frozen Warning," a German spy picture.

SATURDAY—"The German Curse in Russia."—See the intrigue of the Huns in poor misguided Russia, in 7 reels. Also a Musty Suffer comedy and the fourth episode of "The Bull's Eye," featuring everybody's favorite, Eddie Polo.

COMING—A Charlie Chaplin rip roaring comedy. "A Dog's life," full of side splitting happenings.

TEACHER'S FINGERS AMPUTATED

Prof. John G. Fair, of the manual training department of the Charleroi High school, met with an accident Monday morning while planing a board which resulted in an injury to three fingers on his left hand.

The professor was operating an electric driven planer and joiner and was finishing the planing of the last of twenty boards which were to be used by pupils in their manual training work. The board was almost finished and the professor had removed the guard temporarily when the board "kicked," throwing his left hand into the planer. As a result it was found necesary to amputate the end of the middle finger and one joint from each of the ring and little finger. The injury was quite painful and will make it impossible for the professor to operate the planer for some time.

Will Raise Flags

Arnold City people are anticipating an interesting event tomorrow, in a flag raising for which a fine program has been arranged. The main feature of the day will be the raising of three flage at 4 o'clock—American, Liberty Loan and Honor Roll flags. Good speakers will be on hand.

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—Mrs. Priscilla Graham died at Beaver Falls, May 6th. Interment was made today at Latrobe. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. Calder, formerly of Monessen and many Monessen folks remember her.

—Members of McKean Commandery Knights Templar will assemble Thursday evening, May 9th in full uniform to participate in parade and attend ascension day services at the First M. E. church, Charleroi. Members of the fraternity are requested to attend.

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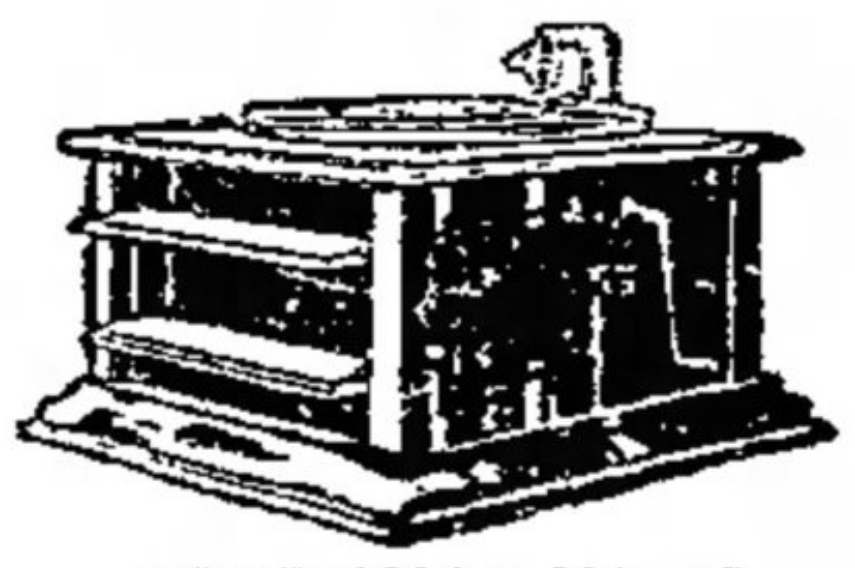

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THE SUBMARINE SITUATION

Many students of the war have felt that once the U boats were mastered, the issue of the war is no longer in doubt. Considering the terriffic striking power manifested in the German spring drive, this opinion now looks premature. But if the submarine can be mastered, the situation will be measurably improved.

The latest report of sinkings showed a total for three months which, if continued for a year, would amount to 1,500,000 tons of all allied shipping. The latest figures indicate that the United States will build at least 3,000,000 tons this year. England should build 1,500,000 tons. From Japan and other sources at least 500,000 tons should be secured, making a total of 5,000,000. This will probably be exceeded

We should not too hastily assume the submarine is beaten. It remains to be seen whether the long day light of the summer season will help the U boats to follow their prey more persistently and secure a higher ratio of sinkings. It is encouraging however, to note that sinkings for March and April before weekly reports were given up, did not exceed those for winter months with their short daylight.

It is not enought to replace the sunken ships. We need a constantly increasing tonnage as the army increases. We must be prepared for one of the sudden surprises that the Germans seem able to pull off every little while. So our country must still strain every resource to build an enormous fleet of ships capable of beating the worst the U boat pirates can do.

While flattering hopes have been held out of the new invention that will locate an approaching submarine, it will be poor policy to place reliance in such hopes until submarine sinkings have been reduced far below their current total.

POPULARIZING POTATOES

Last year when potatoes were selling for $1 25 a peck, there was no need of any effort for popularizing them. Everyone longed for them, and thought of the delicious French fried or variously seasoned concoctions that we would make of them. But with a great reserve stock of potatoes on hand this year, some of us have forgotten how good they were.

Years ago in simpler times, a boy turned up at school one morning in a conversational frame of mind. "Had an awful good breakfast this morning," he remarked to the teacher. "What did you have," she asked sympathetically.

"We had taters—and taters—and taters" he stuttered. Those potatoes, which the skillful art of his mother had made attractive, filled his hungry little stomach with satisfaction. Nowadays we call it a poor breakfast. But the old timers would often have been glad to get it. The food experts tell us a good sized potato has as much nourishment as two slices of bread.

Germany is fighting this war largely on potatoes as a dietary basis, with assistance from dried vegetables. When we read that the Germans were having to use potato flour, we gloated over their hard pressed condition, and thought they would soon have to give up.

Now the food conservers come along and make the very most delicious kind of cake out of potato flour. They show you this finely ground flour and it looks as light and white as the fluffiest wheat product the Dakota fields ever turned out. Potatoes are one of the world's greatest staples. At their present price, we have no right to growl about cost of living until we have made liberal use of them.

THE STUDY OF GERMAN

In considering the agitation for dropping the study of German in our schools and colleges, several discriminations should be made. One fatal objection to this study as now conducted in many places, is that the German text books are simply a part of the propaganda game. The German emperor and his system are glorified in these books. That kind of text book must go.

Furthermore we want no more of those isolated communities that are as German as a suburb of Berlin. It is time to make our language the universal tongue in this country.

It would be perfectly possible to make up text books with selections drawn from the older German writers, that would convey no suggestions of the wickedness of modern German autocracy. At the time the pioneers of German migration came over here, the great German thinkers were liberals.

But while such a text book would contain many noble thoughts, yet it would give a false impression of modern German spirit. Grmany has had a new birth downward since the days of Goethe and Schiller. The study of this tongue for the ordinary run of young people is of very dubious value.

We must keep it strictly in mind that the Germans have shown a marvelous capacity. Our technical men need to be familiar with the results of their science. Our business men need to know what the Germans are up to in their commercial plans. A great number from these classes should be able to read German freely, so as to follow their progress, forecast their competition and foresee their aggression.

We can't ignore the Germans. The worse they behave, the more we need to watch them. But this task of keeping in touch with their life should not be given to immature minds that could be deceived by camouflage.

THE PLAYGROUND MOVEMENT

Only a few years ago it was not considered necessary to have any public place for children to play. They could have their games in the street or find some back [illegible]. When the children started a game on any private land, the owner [illegible] because they might do a few cents worth of damage. [illegible] Or the neighbors were made nervous [illegible] youngsters would persist in [illegible] the streets, drivers [illegible]

A wide open playground [illegible] making than a [illegible] that can't find anything [illegible] out door sports and [illegible] confine it, and you create an explosion

EDITORIALETTES

Germany is now polishing up [illegible] and very shiny gold brick in the form of a peace offer

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It is gradually dawning on the German people that the Americans in France are not parties of tourists sent over to inspect ruins.

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There are a good many men who couldn't possibly stop and help the women get out surgical dressings, as it takes them every evening to read about the war and argue how it should run.

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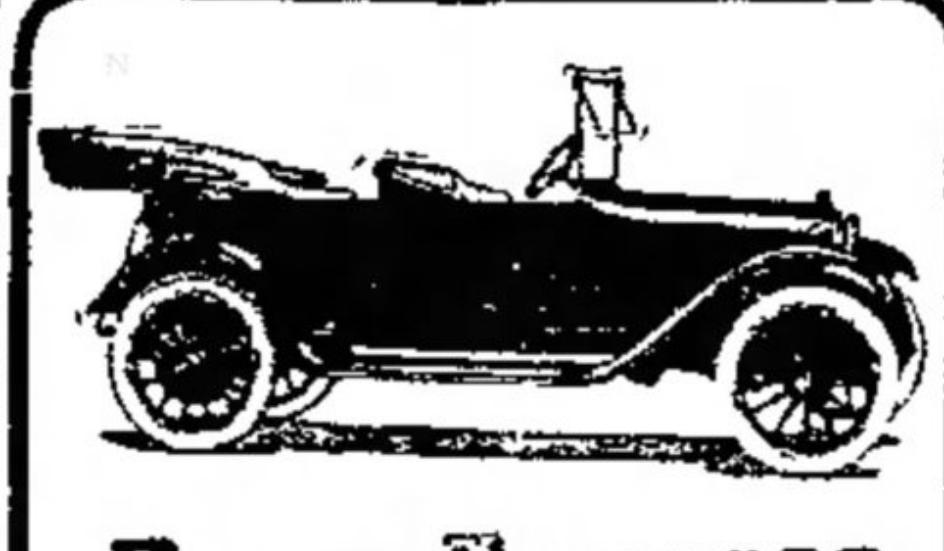

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Umbrella is a common noun, singular number, neuter gender, silk or cotton case—as the case may be. It is wise to have yours in the "possessive" case also, if it is a good umbrella.

The word umbrella is derived from the Latin "umbra," meaning a shade or shadow. This does not mean that it is exclusively a shade from the weather, but rather that you have not a shadow of a chance to get it back should you leave the umbrella behind you anywhere.

Never leave an umbrella behind you, anyhow. Always keep it in front or beside you, where you can see it.

Umbrellas were known to the early Saxons and to many of the late ones coming home from the lodge on wet nights. They joyfully seized any "gamps" they found lying around loose in the hall stand.

In Queen Anne's reign umbrellas were assigned exclusively to the use of women, but in all subsequent rains men have been using them, too.

New silk umbrellas are particularly popular with humanity—especially on wet days. The most conscientious and scrupulous of men have been known to mistake nice, new umbrellas for their own faded and decrepit ones. Sometimes, in their temporary "fits of abstraction," they don't even leave a substitute.

Some umbrellas are waterproof and others not quite so. The rain runs off the better kind and through the cheaper sort.

Nothing can be more depressing than to join a parade of umbrella holders in a heavy shower hoping to be immune from the rain, and get deluged with umbrella juice instead.

Old and worn umbrellas may sometimes be easily recovered, but if you mislay a good silk umbrella it is very difficult to recover it. Some philosopher has observed that the umbrella has religious tendencies, because it "keeps Lent" so easily.

There are many ways of carrying the umbrella, but the most popular way—because the most senseless—is to carry it under the arm horizontally. When you do this in a crowd some are almost sure to notice it and tell you about it

They speak feelingly, too, if they happen to get the end of your umbrella in the stomach or back, forgetting how much more serious it might be if they got it in the eye.

Umbrellas that open automatically and without warning should be prohibited. Sometimes they develop most surprising vitality at unexpected times and in inconvenient places. This is caused by a hidden spring in the handle.

They are useful novelties for the first week or so, but the novelty soon wears off and so does the spring. Then the umbrella becomes ill-mannered and aggressive, springing open impulsively, to the consternation and humiliation of the owner.

American Soldiers in Brittany.

I have been told that in certain western districts American troops are billeted among the inhabitants, and I know that in their honor, municipalities have ordered the vast heaps of manure that in most Brittany villages line one side of the road removed to the fields—no small task, when it is remembered that only women, children and old men are left to take care of the farm.

Plans are being developed to improve these farm houses, many of which were built 200 or 300 years ago. The influx of Americans will thus serve to ameliorate the sanitary conditions in these districts, the people of which are rather conservative, but beloved by all France because they give us our best soldiers. Bretons and Vendeans are famous for their stubborn courage. To the former was in great measure due the credit for the first victory on the Yser, won at terrible scarifices.—Mme. Leonie Bernardini-Sjoestedt in Cartoons.

A Suitable Name.

Two farmer's wives were discussing the worries of trying to make room in the house for the hired hand, and one of them said: "I don't mind cooking the meals, if there was only some place for him to stay nights and rainy days. I've planned a building with a sitting room and bedroom, but I wouldn't know what to call it, for you couldn't call it the barracks."

Then the other woman said: "Well, if I could put up the building I wouldn't worry over a name. I'd call it 'The Hand-out.'"

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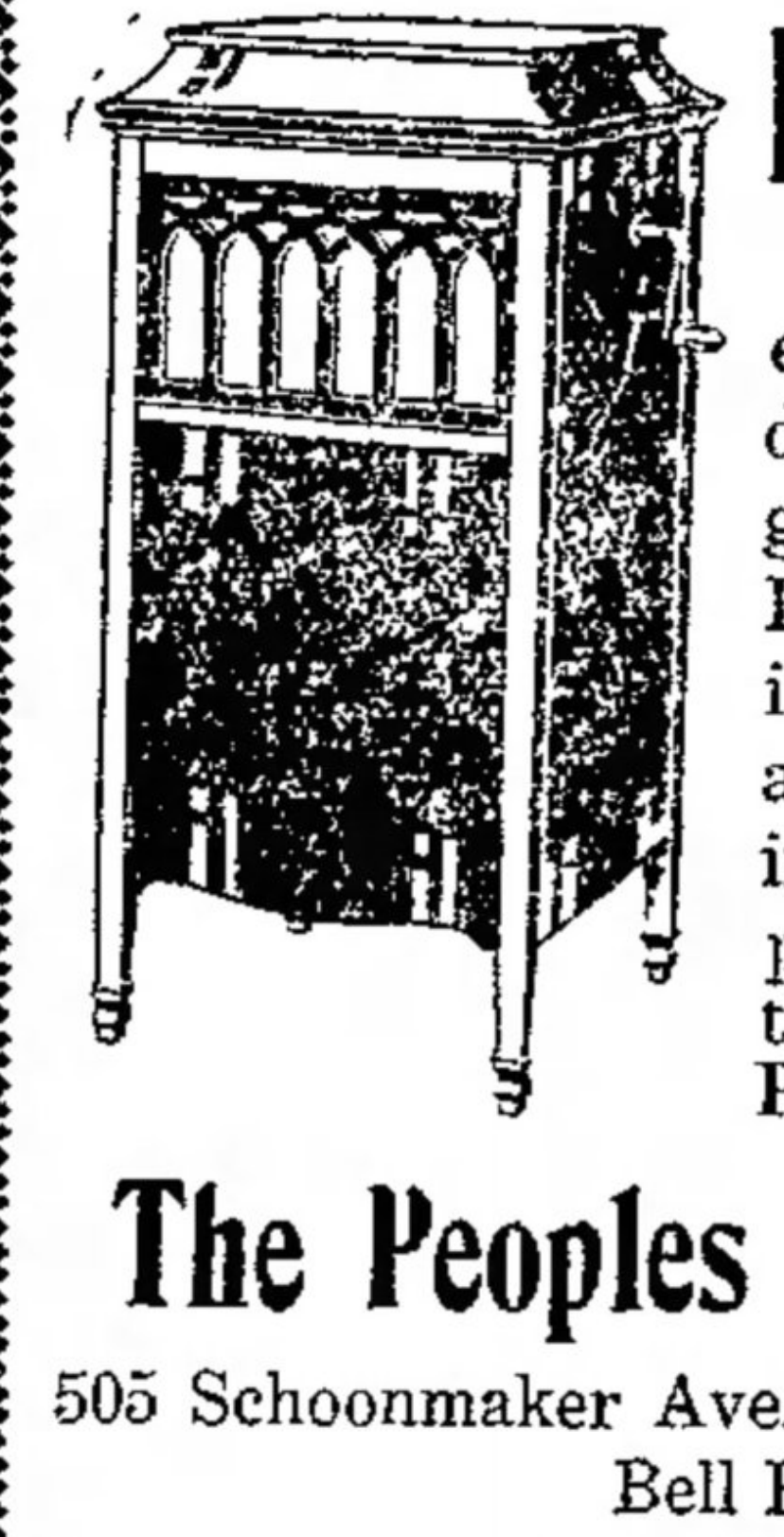

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How the People of Flanders Have Written Country's Name Prominently in World's History.

No part of Europe has a more romantic history than the stretch of land between Calais and the Scheldt, over which the counts of Flanders held rule for centuries, observes the Manchester Guardian. As far back as the first century of the Christian era, when it formed part of the Roman province of Belgica Secund, this region was distinguished for its industrial towns—remarkable even then for their large populations and democratic rule.

From the middle of the tenth to the middle of the sixteenth century was, however, the golden age of Flanders. It began with the introduction of the woolen industry by Count Baldwin and the growth of the municipalities. Flanders became the pioneer of the development of civic democracy, but neither upon that nor upon industrial progress did the country's face altogether rest. It was the struggle of her people against tyranny that wrote the name of Flanders upon the pages of the world's history.

Her rulers were, for the most part, noted warriors, bent on defending their land and on guarding their boundaries against the invasion of Frenchmen or Englishmen. The Flemish people were bred of a fighting stock, and the king of France came to learn that in attempting to extend a despotic rule in Flanders he had to reckon with more than trained soldiers and knights of chivalry. In the battle of the Golden Spurs, fought at Courtrai over six centuries ago, the cloth weavers of Bruges, Ghent and Ypres routed and destroyed the proud French horsemen; while at a later date a powerful French army was defeated at Courtrai by Flemish burghers under the leadership of Peter de Conyne, master of the cloth weavers.

Indeed, until the country passed into the possession of the dukes of Burgundy the whole history was filled with stirring deeds. Today, although the name Flanders is applied to two Belgian provinces, of which Ghent and Bruges are the capitals, it still stands for an undefined stretch of country, which has been the battle ground of Europe for centuries. "The war in Flanders" was as familiar an expression to British ears in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries as it is at the present moment, and there is not an inch of ground in that heroic country but has been stained with the blood of patriots and loyalists.

No Thoughtless Days!

"We have our wheatless day and our meatless day once every week," says the Soda Fountain, "but so long as the war lasts we must never have a thoughtless day at any American soda fountain." Wastes at the soda fountain in years past have caused losses of thousands of dollars—particularly sugar wastes in the form of leakage and overservice of sirups. A manufacturer of soda supplies reports observations during a visit recently made to more than 100 fountains during the period of the sugar famine, when he saw clerks preparing sirups by guess, using more than directions called for, and saw dispensers fill sundae dishes nearly to overflowing with crushed fruit, and draw anywhere from one and one-half to three ounces of sirup for a drink, the result being a cloying sickish drink instead of the fruity, refreshing soda that people like best. He recommends strict adherence to directions on labels, remembering that the manufacturer has spent years experimenting with his goods and knows best how they should be used. Too much sugar in soft drinks is not merely wasteful of ingredients, cutting down profits, but results in loss of trade.—Food Bureau Bulletin.

Knights in Armor.

The sense of security a soldier has under a shrapnel helmet is astonishing. Perhaps that is because its effect is psychological as well as physical, particularly when one remembers the anatomy of the head, and can appreciate the brain's delicate composition, and the scant protection afforded by the skull against modern projectiles. A soldier recently told an audience in Vancouver that, with his tin hat cocked over his face, and an enamel plate reposing on his "tummy," he could sleep through a bombardment, feeling safe as a knight in armor. Another capped this by confessing that he felt unbearably "windy" every time he had to cross a bit of machine-gun-swept road with stretchers, until he made a practice of sloping the helmet well to the exposed side of the face, so that it acted as a "blinker."

Spain Needs Locomotives.

Four Spanish railways, the Northern, the Madrid, Saragossa and Alicante, the Andalusian and the Madrid-Caceres have joined in a venture to make locomotives. These four companies will help raise $5,000,000 for the extension of a large machine shop in Barcelona, "La Maquinista Terrestre y Maritima," to enable it to build locomotives now badly needed in Spain. The Spanish railway situation is exceedingly bad. The locomotives and cars of many of the roads, and particularly those of the Northern railway, were considerably damaged in the recent severe strikes and ill-usage has further added to their deterioration.

Food Conservation.

Mr. Justwed—This soup seems very thin. What did you use for stock?

His Bride—Why, you see, Mr. Hoover advises us to use the water food has been boiled in, so I used the broth from the boiled eggs.—Judge.

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Benefit of Art Education.

A glimpse at the development of trade in European countries, in which industrial art has played such an important role, is full of suggestion to us. When Germany discovered at the Paris exposition in 1878 how crude and inartistic her exhibits were, her greatest artists, laying aside their easels and canvases, began designing textiles, wall paper, furniture and advertisements. The results of these activities we witnessed in the German Applied Arts exhibition held in all our large cities a few years ago. By means of intensive art education in Prussia the trade routes of the world were changed in favor of Germany. Trade in toys was diverted from Switzerland, in printing materials from England, and in dress trimmings from France. In France and England in a similar way trade has been developed through attention to art education

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Amendment to Rivers and Harbors Bill Defeated by Work of Senator Robbins

In the discussion in Congress April 16, on an amendment to the Rivers and Harbors Bill, relative to conditions physically and commercially along and on navigable streams or waterways, throughout the various sections of the United States, Senator E. E. Robbins of Greensburg, took an active part both throughout the discussion and when it came to the voting. In this bill was embodied many hidden snags that would, if carried in the final adoption of this important measure, have worked disastrously, not only to sections in and along streams throughout Western Pennsylvania, but in many other important commercial sections over the country.

In Mr. Robbins' part in the debate, he showed his thorough knowledge of conditions of our streams, and what his good judgment told him and convinced many others, could not help from working great harm to transportation and general commercial interests, as well as health conditions generally.

The streams that would be most affected had this amendment been attached and passed with the original bill, are the Monongahela, Allegheny Youghiogheny, Conemaugh and the Ohio. Senator Robbins' thorough knowledge of topographic conditions of the country, his hard, earnest work, influence and vote were instrumental in defeating this dangerous amendment. Excerpts from Senator Robbins' practical plea follow:

"In former days when the Ohio River was a great highway of commerce and before the railroads were constructed, so as to take away that river commerce, this wharf that is now open in the city of Pittsburg from the point at the junction of the two rivers clear up to Smithfield St., along the river front was lined up with boats plying upon those rivers. There are but three or four lines of steamers plying down the Ohio river now, but that wharf is still there, nearly a mile in length, extending from Water street clear down to the low water of the Monongahela river, and there is a large wharf boat maintained there, and the same facilities are there for developing the commerce that always have existed ever since Pittsburg was first a navigable port. But if you are going to insist that you must establish in the midst of a populous city like Pittsburg terminal facilities which carry with it a rail connection, with a wharf into which freight can be discharged, then you are setting up an impossible condition; it can not be done. You have got to go outside of the city of Pittsburg, just as you would have to go outside of the city of Wheeling or the city of Steubenville and get a point where the railroad can be built down to the river and where a wharf boat can be maintained and transfer facilities built up and freight transferred direct from a boat on the river into a railroad car.

That can not now be built in the city of Pittsburg, but it can be built, I submit, either up the Monongahela or up the Allegheny river, at which point the various railroads of the country run along and extend along down either bank of the river. There seems to be a mistaken impression that there is not now an increase in the commerce on the navigable rivers of western Pennsylvania. That is farthest from the truth. Let me read statistics from Locks 3 and 4 on the Monongahela river, taken on the 1st of April, this year, for the month of March. Through Lock 3, one end of which is located in my district, there was passed 1,392,400 tons of coal in the month of March, as against 1,073,000 tons last year, or an increase of 318,000 tons, exceeding all prior records.

There was also locked through at the same time 43,500 tons of coke, 69,460 tons of sand and stone, and there were 1,260 lockages through that lock in the month of April, and for three days it was closed on account of high water. Through Lock 4, which also has one end on one side of the river in my district, there passed 2,599,000 bushels of coal during that month, 1,658,000 bushels of coke, 47,000 cubic feet of lumber and there were 1,061 lockages, showing larger increase in every part of the tonnage of the Monongahela river, and yet it is lined with a railroad on either bank. The wharves in most of the small towns have been occupied by railroads, and all these towns and ports need along the river in order to develop them and bring back a return of this commerce is to improve this Ohio river so that you can get somewhere with the commerce developed on these rivers which form the Ohio.

The city of Pittsburg has preserved for the use of navigation on the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers, which join within the city limits and form the Ohio, long stretches of river front or wharfage and this has been kept and preserved especially for the use of boats plying on the Ohio, Monongahela and Allegheny rivers and their tributaries. Large amounts of coal, sand, stone, lumber and other material are handled from these docks at the present time. Steamers regularly plying on the Ohio and Monongahela rivers carry passengers, freight, farm produce, and a great amount of the manufactured commodities from the Pittsburg mills.

There is more coal moved down the Monongahela river than any other similar stream of water in the world. But it must be remembered that the Ohio is navigable only a portion of the year, hence it is not possible to develop a steady, regular river business between Pittsburg and the lower river ports because of the frequent interruption on account of low water in the Ohio. The improvement of the Monongahela has shown steady and continued increase in coal and other freight and that is because it is constantly open and ready for use. Transportation of coal, coke, stone and other freight over the Monongahela river is one-third to one half less in point of cost than transportation of the same commodity by rail and very much quicker and more regular and in greater volume.

Much of the greatness of Pittsburg is due to the early river traffic coming up the Ohio and down the Monongahela and Allegheny and being transferred at Pittsburg into larger boats for the lower river traffic.

A study of the situation and the possibility of water-borne commerce in and around Pittsburg has convinced everyone who has given it serious and thorough attention of this fact, that as soon as the Ohio is so improved that commerce will move all the year freight will develop in abundance on the Ohio river It has ever been the subject of a special report of the Government engineers at Pittsburg that by the improvement of the Youghiogheny river, at a cost of considerably less than $1,000,000, a large transfer wharf could be established at Suterville, 28 miles above Pittsburg, at which point the Baltimore & Ohio, the Western Maryland, the New York Central and the Pennsylvania Railroad all come down to the water's edge of that river. This would relieve the congestion in Pittsburg on the railroads by enabling them to send their freight south and west by water through this transfer point, and freight could be brought by the river up to this point, relieving Pittsburg of its congested condition for eastbound traffic, and transferred from boats to cars and sent east over these three trunk-line railroads. Now that the Government has control of both the rivers and the railroads, this plan is entirely feasible, and in the opinion of the Government engineers will relive congestion existing in and around Pittsburg on the railroads and in the first pool of the Monongahela river

Therefore I am strongly in favor of completing the improvement of the Ohio river by the erection of the remaining locks and dams therin required to carry slack water to Cincinnati.

We are considering here a river and harbor bill. That is, a navigation proposition entirely, with the necessary incidents that go to improving channels and fixing up the stream for navigable purposes. This section 5 of the bill, which has just been read, refers entirely to the discharge of acids and impurities into the waters of streams. It is a different question altogether, and the point of order is made against it because it is not relevant or pertinent to the purpose of the bill. Waters are navigable or otherwise, and whether they are pure or impure makes no difference. The discharge of acids into a river does not effect its navigability but it does affect the use of water for culinary purposes and potable purposes, and it may have an effect on the iron used in the construction of locks. But that is remote from the main proposition here. If we are to deal with the question of whether acids or impurities are discharged into a stream, that is a proposition that ought to be dealt with in connection with the police power and in connection with the health authorities of a state, or something of that sort. It is a different question altogether from navigation. This section 5 is extraneous to and foreign to the purposes of this bill.

It is difficult to discuss this narrow proposition without also adverting to associated causes It is a fact that this acid comes into the streams from coal mines, from paper mills, from chemical work, from dyeing establishments. It can not be kept out of these streams. This proposes not only to reach out to the navigable streams, but it reaches out to the tributaries of those navigable streams Take western Pennsylvania, the district in which I live. There we have the Monongahela river, which is navigable; also we have the Allegheny, which is partly navigable and the Youghiogheny, which is partly navigable and the Conemaugh, nonnavigable Into every one of those streams there are smaller streams that discharge water from coal mines and as it comes from some of them it is almost blood red in some places on account of this acid with which it is impregnated as it comes out of the mines.

It we are to reach out to the tributaries and take in the little creeks and interfere with the situation to that extent we will find that every small run, every rivulet, every creek, every brook that pours into these navigable rivers must be purified, and that is far beyond the reach of navigation legislation over which alone Congress has jurisdiction. It is extending our control over the small streams that have nothing to do with this bill, which proposes to establish and improve navigation on the navigable streams of the United States.

It refers to sulphur in the water and almost every stream in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania and West Virginia is affected by sulphur. If this sulphur water has to be purified, it would not improve navigation. You can not take the sulphur out of the water as it comes from the coal mines. That is an impossible proposition at this late date

The fact is, Mr. Chairman, that the bill ought not to be loaded down with a proposition that is not pertinent to it. If we are going to deal with this sulphur water proposition, we should go about it as it is done in the state of Pennsylvania, and if it is purely a state affair and should be left to the states. There it is regulated by the police department and by the health department. We realize that it is impossible to eliminate the sulphur from the mine water, and the Supreme Court of the state of Pennsylvania has decided in the celebrated case of Sanderson against the Pennsylvania Coal company that the pouring of sulphur into a stream, while it may be injurious and may [illegible] property and [illegible] destroyed the [illegible] purposes [illegible] the plaintiff was not allowed to recover damages because the Supreme Court said the coal could not be mined without the pumping of mine water carrying sulphur, and therefore it was a matter upon which no damages could be [illegible] being "damnum absque injuria."

Therefore if there is anything in this bill that is going to strike terror to the mining industries of the country at a time, too, when we are clamoring for coal and when there is a shortage of fuel all over the country, it is the proposition that you are going to compel the producers of coal to purify the waters that come from the mines and that carry sulphur with it and deposits the same in the surface streams and is carried thence into the rivers."

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LOCAL NOTES

Your exact weight at Craig's Drug Store. 78-tf

—Miss Martha Hamilton is spending the week with friends in Bellevue.

—War stamps given free and Liberty Bonds accepted for payments this week only. 85-tf

—Miss Annette Phillips has returned to her home in Youngstown after a visit with friends in town.

—There are still a few lots for sale in the Seamless Tube City Plan of Stockdale, Pa. Buy before it is too late 87-tf

—The fire at the noon hour was near the corner of Second and Reed avenue the damages were slight to the residences of John Lathkavich and Mrs. Amelia Leihgeber.

—Monday at the Star—Wm. Russel in "Snap Judgment," also the third installment of the Camp Lee pictures. 87-4t

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker of Belle Vernon, formerly of Monessen have received word from Camp Upton that their son, John W. Walker, would leave for France in a few days.

—Rev. B. F. Bungard of Herminie, is shaking hands with his many old Monessen friends and looking over his interests in Monessen in a political way.

—The Oak Terrace Plan of Lots is right in the borough of Monessen, Pa., beautifully located. Safe from smoke and dirt.—Ask Frank Bumer. 87-tf

—We have added a line of electric Supplies to our plumbing business and we want your trade. We will give the best there is in the market and do you a good job. J. L. Rodgers company, 372 Donner avenue. 81-tf

—Louise daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hibbs, has recovered from an attack of pneumonia. Yesterday Mr. Hibbs took his daughter to Gastonville, where she along with Mrs. Hibbs and the rest of the family expect to spend the summer.

New Car Gets Her Initiation

William Williams, driving a new Saxon car owned by George Mickey, surely met with misfortunes Sunday. This was the first appearance of the car and it had troubles of its own. In the first place it ran into a Ford car putting a good sized dent into that car, the next was the Saxon into the curb and last felling the Saxon power was mightier than a telegraph pole, tried to prove its assertions, but was found wanting. Machinists state but slight hope is entertained for its recovery.

KEEPS VITAL POINTS SAFE

Medical Explanation of Work Performed by Fluid Which Bathes Brain and Spinal Cord.

Until very recently the exact role played by the cerebro-spinal fluid—that watery substance which bathes the brain and spinal cord—was not understood. But nowadays it is a common practice among surgeons to squirt drugs into the tissues containing this fluid or to draw out a drop or two of it for examination.

The Journal of the American Medical Association, commenting on an address by Dr. W. D. Halliburton before the Royal Society of Medicine, says he describes the cerebro-spinal fluid as an ideal physiologic solution in which the exquisitely sensitive nervous system is always bathed.

This fluid does not, like the lymph, arise from the blood by exudation of serum through the walls of the capillaries, but is the product of the secreting cells of what are called the choroid plexuses in the ventricles of the brain. The pressure under which the fluid always exists is due to the secretory pressure of these cells and not to the blood. And there are scarcely any proteins found in it. Halliburton says that in order to keep out the harmful proteins, which would poison the nerves, the harmless ones also are almost completely excluded.

The membranes that line the spaces in which the fluid is found seem to permit substances to pass from it to the blood, but to be impermeable (except for oxygen) in the direction from the blood to the fluid. The value of this arrangement is that when poisons enter the blood, as they do so easily, they are kept away from the delicate nerves.

EIGHTEEN YEARS ON ISLAND

Experience of Indian Woman Makes That of Robinson Crusoe Appear a Mere Incident.

It would appear that Alexander Selkirk's brief stay on Juan Fernandez island was trivial, either in the hardships endured or the difficulties overcome, compared with that of a woman on an island opposite the Californian peninsula.

It seems that the Catholic fathers at Santa Barbara were once transporting the natives of the island of St. Nicholas to the mainland. Among them was a mother who discovered that her babe had been left behind. She begged that the vessel might be put back, but the captain refused. She then leaped into the sea to swim ashore, but as a storm prevailed, all on board thought she was drowned.

Eighteen years afterward a company landed on the island. They found traces of life, and after a long search discovered the woman and took her with them. The poor woman never found her babe, but had managed to live in comparative comfort, though very lonely. After her long life in the open, she could not endure the confinement of a house, and soon sickened and died.

Popular Concert Company

The music lovers of Monessen and vicinity are to be given a rare treat on Monday night, when the Williams Invincible Concert company of the Chicago Lyceum bureau, will present Messrs. Jas. Johnson, Edw. McKey," the world's blind wonders, to whom all instruments are alike. They will be supported by Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Miss Rankin and Mr. J. W. Cooper, Ventriloquist, an entertainer of refinement and one recognized by press and public.

This company of talented colored artists has been secured at quite an expense and it is hoped that the people of Monessen will show their appreciation for this class of talent.

They have traveled extensively and are second to none and to be able to secure their services it is necessary to book them one year ahead. They appeared before an audience in Washington, Pa., on Friday to a capacity house of $498.00. Musical critics of that city say their work is good and will stand the test.

Patrons' Day in the Schools

Patrons' Day in Monessen public schools will be observed on Friday, May 10th, at all the buildings.

Thursday evening from 8 until 9:30, the High school will be open and there will be a general display in Manual Training, and Domestic Science, including cooking and sewing, and during the same hours, at all buildings will be a display in drawing.

Music will be furnished by the High school orchestra. Patrons' Day observance will continue through Thursday evening and all day Friday.

Friday evening at the Iowa building, the students will give an entertainment, which will be of interest out of the ordinary, including two playlets and a good program.

Soldier Writes to Brother

Following is a part of a letter received yesterday by S. A. Lewis, clerk at the Famous Clothing store, Donner Avenue, from his brother, Isaac Lewis; who is now at Camp Lee:

Camp Lee, May 5, 1918.

Dear Brother Sam:

Just received your letter and will say that beginning tonight and lasting three days, the entire 80th Division leaves this camp. The 80th includes all the companies of Infantry, Machine Gun, Supply and Hospital Units, about 25,000 to 30,000 men in all. It will leave in camp only about 10,000 to 15,000 men, mostly "rookies." My branch doesn't leave yet. Don't think the outfit I'm in will ever see over seas duty. I am enjoying the best of health but am doing so very little work that I'm beginning to feel stale. With love to you all,

Ike.

Hertnick is in Camp Johnston

Word has been received from John Hertnick, one of Monessen's firemen, who is now at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Florida, he having been recently transferred from the training barracks at Columbus, O. Hertnick says the country there is fine, and he is enjoying soldier life; the weather is ideal but a little warm. He sends his regards to the fire laddies and all friends. He wants to hear from the boys and his address can be gotten from Sam Meyers, secretary of the fire company.

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LIFE AT ITS WORST

Wild Orgies in Mushroom Towns Along Union Pacific.

Scenes That Can Only Be Described as Reversion of Mankind to the Savage, Common in the Early Days of the West.

Travelers who whisk across the country in luxurious trains today little realize the vision, the toil and the sacrifice that made possible the steel road over which they roll along. In the building of the first railroad across the continent is to be found the theme which has thrilled Zane Grey in "The U. P. Trail."

Among the pictures drawn by Mr. Grey of the scenes and incidents attendant upon the building of the Union Pacific one of the most vivid is that of a night following pay day in Benton, one of the towns of the type that sprang up in the wake of the road in the days during its construction, an exchange says:

"Life indoors that night in Benton was monstrous, wonderful and hideous. The gold that did not flow over the bars went into the greedy hands of the cold, swift gamblers or into the clutching fingers of the wild-eyed women. The big gambling hell had extra lights, extra attendants, extra tables; and there round the great glittering mirror-blazing bar struggled and laughed and shouted a drink-sodden mass of humanity. And all through the rest of the big room groups and knots of men stood and sat around tables, intent, absorbed, obsessed, listening with strained ears, watching with wild eyes, reaching with shaking hands—only to gasp and throw down their cards and push gold toward cold faced gamblers, with a muttered curse. This was the night of the golden harvest for the black-garbed, steel-nerved, cold-eyed card sharps. They knew the brevity of time, and of hour, and of life.

"In the dancing halls there was a maddening whirl, an immense and incredible hilarity, a wild fling of unleashed, burly men, an honest drunken spree. But there was also the hideous, red-eyed drunkenness that did not spring from drink; the unveiled passion, the brazen lure, the raw, corrupt and terrible presence of bad women in absolute license at a wild and baneful hour.

"The scene at midnight was unreal, livid, medieval. Dance of cannibals, dance of sun worshipers, dance of Apaches on the warpath, dance of cliff dwellers wild over the massacre of a dreaded foe—only these orgies might have been comparable to that wild whirl of gold and lust.

"Night wore on and the hour of dawn approached.

"The lamps were dead; the tents were dark; the music was stilled; and the low, soft roar was but a hollow mockery of its earlier strength.

"Like specters men staggered slowly and wanderingly through the gray streets. Gray ghosts! All was gray. A vacant laugh pealed out and a strident curse, and then again the low murmur prevailed. Benton was going to rest. Weary, drunken, spent nature sought oblivion—on disordered beds, on hard floors and in dusty corners. An immense and hovering shadow held the tents and halls and streets. Through this opaque gloom the silent and the mumbling revelers reeled along. Louder voices broke the spell only for an instant. Death lay in the middle of the main street, in the dust—and no passing man halted. It lay as well down the side streets, in sandy ditches and on the tent floors, and behind the bar of the gambling hell. Likewise death had his counterpart in hundreds of prostrate men who lay in drunken stupor, asleep, insensible to the dust in their faces.

"But the dawn would not stay back in order to hide Benton's hideousness. The gray lifted out of the streets, the shadows lightened, the east kindled and the sweet, soft freshness of a desert dawn came in on the gentle breeze. And when the sun arose, splendid and golden, with its promise and beauty, it shone upon a ghastly, silent, motionless, sleeping Benton."

Cares for War Dog Veterans.

War dogs discharged from active service with glorious wounds are being cared for by Countess Yourkevich in charming surroundings in the Rue Chauveau, Neully-sur-Seine, reports a Paris dispatch.

The Old Brigade includes Pax, who four times saved his master's life; Dick of the Somme, who had a leg amputated after a heroic exploit; Dick of the Yser, whose regimental officers decorated him with the Croix de Guerre.

Altogether the countess is caring for nearly six hundred dogs who have been the devoted companions of stretcher bearers and the friends of the poilus.

Already these faithful heroes are fasting as a result of food restrictions and with the more severe regime of bread cards there are fresh clouds gathering on their horizon.

Regimental Pets.

As regimental pets, black cats are regarded the luckiest possession a detachment can have, and the arrival of a stray animal of this color at a gunpit or dugout in France is an event of great importance. Every one is bound to be lucky for some hours at least. To meet a black cat while marching up to the trenches puts every member of the company in the happiest humor. On the other hand, a black magpie flying across the line of march is a bad omen. To hear the cuckoo calling before breakfast is another bad omen.

Only He Didn't Show It.

Edward got into a fight with Stanley one afternoon at school recess. The teacher had them up before her and talked so feelingly of the wrong of fighting that Stanley cried good and hard, and the teacher said: "Stanley seems so repentant I won't keep him after school. But here is Edward; I don't know what to do with him, he seems so hardened." Edward said: "But if I can't cry, my conscience hurts me just the same."

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W.S.HART
ARTCRAFT PICTURES

Star theatre today.

William Russell American-Mutual in "Snap Judgment"—Star theatre Monday.

Memorial Observance at Donora

The observation of Memorial day in Donora this year will have a new significance. There will be a parade, one of the largest the town has ever seen, there will be a full military observance of the veterans of '61 and '98 at Gilmore cemetery and there will be in addition a special naval ceremonial in memory of Ernest Jobes on the Donora-Webster bridge. Special services in Donora park will be addressed by one or more speakers of note.

Ernest Jobes, Donora's sailor boy, was the first to give up his life in the war for freedom. He was drowned in the Florence H. disaster in a French harbor.

HOUSES FOR SALE

AT A BARGAIN

$1500—4 rooms on Rostraver St.
$2200—6 rooms for 2 families. Seneca street.
$2900—6 rooms and bath. First St., on paved street.
$3000—6 rooms and bath. Walnut St.
$3300—Brick house of 7 rooms and bath. Forest street.
$3300—7 rooms and two baths, Morgan avenue.
$3200—Stucco bungalow. 5 rooms and bath. Lenawee avenue.
$4400—8 rooms, bath and furnace, in good location.
$1500—7 rooms and bath. Reed Ave.
$4500—8 rooms and bath and one acre of ground, fruit trees, stable and chicken coop, adjoining the Borough of Monessen. This is a bargain as the building alone cost over $5,000.

ASK FRANK BUMER.
72-tf 564 Donner Ave

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910 Knox Avenue.

Sweet Oranges, per dozen	2
Fancy Large Lemons, per dozen	3
Fancy Red Apples, per dozen	2
Cream Cheese, per pound	3
Rockefort Chesse, per pound	9
Heinz's Sauer Kraut, pound	
Heinz's Dill Pickles, dozen	1
Heinz's Large can Baked Beans	2
Heinz's Sweet Mustard Pickles, pound	2
Lima Beans, per pound	1
Parke's one pound package Rice	1
Duff's Molasses, 2 cans for	2
Five Brothers Tobacco, 4 packages for	2
Alberts' Blended Coffee, pound	2
Matches, large package	2
Toilet Paper, roll	4c and
Export Soap, per cake	
Pure Lard, per pound	3
Creamery Butter, per pound	4
Strictly Fresh Eggs, dozen	4

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Want Column

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WANTED—Good girl for kitchen work; apply Park hotel. Bell phone No. 2. 70-tf

WANTED—Kitchen girl; apply at the Hotel Monessen. 81-tf

WANTED—Milk and cream, good prices; apply Velvet Ice Cream Co., Monongahela, Pa. 73-tf

WANTED—Barber at once; apply corner Rostraver street and Schoonmaker avenue. 85-5tp

WANTED—Young girl to help with housework, good wages; call at 116 McKee or call 333-M. 86-2t

WANTED—Position as housekeeper; Miss G. Laugdon, 46 Sixth street, or call 401-J. 85-6tp

WANTED—Laundress; apply at the Sheetz hotel. 67-tf

WANTED—Grocery clerk; young lady preferred. Apply at once, 474 Schoonmaker Ave. 86-3tp

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms, 100 Schoonmaker. 86-3tp

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms, hill district preferred; address "Y." care Independent. 86-3tp

WANTED—Dining room girl at Duquesne hotel. 87-2tp

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping; 224 Reed avenue or phone 288-J. 87-6tp

FOR SALE—$400 upright and $275 outside player piano hogany case, good condition. music. Will sell to quick buy $165. Easy terms or cash. dress W. H. C., Daily Indep office.

FOR SALE—Medium weight old horse with harness and seat buggy with pole for two can be used as a spring price $125.00. Oscar Albert: 265-W or call 924 Knox Ave.

FOR RENT—Two rooms in vate home to be used as only. $5.00 per room. Phone W. Oscar Albert.